

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A system for identifying and extracting text in a distributed processing
2 environment, comprising:

3 a client computer coupled to a network and including a browser;

4 a server computer coupled to the network; and

5 information associated with a user of the client computer, where a destination
6 service presented by the server computer to the user obtains portions of text in the
7 information.

1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the text is extracted from the
2 information using optical character recognition.

1 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the text is represented by a text
2 rendition of an internal representation of an indicated region of the text.

1 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the information associated with the user
2 of the client computer is graphical information that includes textual information.

1 5. The system of claim 4, wherein the graphical information is identified
2 using a uniform resource locator (URL).

1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the information is specific to a user of
2 the first client computer.

1 7. The system of claim 1, wherein the information resides on the first
2 client computer.

1 8. The system of claim 1, wherein the information resides remote from the
2 first client computer.

1 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the destination service uses a code
2 portion in the browser to obtain the portions of text in the information.

1 10. The system of claim 1, wherein the destination service uses the server
2 to directly access and obtain the portions of text in the information.

1 11. The system of claim 1, wherein the portions of text in the information
2 are used to complete a web page form.

1 12. A method for identifying and extracting text in a distributed processing
2 environment, the method comprising:
3 coupling a client computer to a network, the client computer including a
4 browser;
5 coupling a server to the network;
6 associating information with a user of the client computer; and
7 obtaining portions of text in the information using a destination service
8 presented by the server computer to the user.

1 13. The method of claim 12, wherein the text is extracted from the
2 information using optical character recognition.

1 14. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
2 representing the text as a text rendition of an internal representation of an
3 indicated region of the text; and
4 directly extracting the text rendition.

1 15. The method of claim 12, wherein the information associated with the
2 user is graphical information that includes textual information.

1 16. The method of claim 15, further comprising identifying the graphical
2 information using a uniform resource locator (URL).

1 17. The method of claim 12, wherein the information is specific to a user of
2 the first client computer.

1 18. The method of claim 12, wherein the information resides on the first
2 client computer.

1 19. The method of claim 12, wherein the information resides remote from
2 the first client computer.

1 20. The method of claim 12, wherein the portions of text in the information
2 are obtained using a code portion in the browser.

1 21. The method of claim 12, wherein the server directly accesses and
2 obtains the portions of text in the information.

1 22. The method of claim 12, further comprising using the portions of text in
2 the information to complete a web page form.

1 23. A computer readable medium having a program for identifying and
2 extracting text in a distributed processing environment, the program comprising logic
3 for:

4 coupling a client computer to a network, the client computer including a
5 browser;

6 coupling a server to the network;

7 associating information with a user of the client computer; and

8 obtaining portions of text in the information using a destination service
9 presented by the server computer to the user.

1 24. The program of claim 23, wherein the text is extracted from the
2 information using optical character recognition.

1 25. The program of claim 23, further comprising:
2 logic for representing the text as a text rendition of an internal representation of
3 an indicated region of the text; and
4 logic for directly extracting the text rendition.

1 26. The program of claim 23, wherein the information associated with the
2 user is graphical information that includes textual information.

1 27. The program of claim 26, further comprising logic for identifying the
2 graphical information using a uniform resource locator (URL).

1 28. The program of claim 23, wherein the information is specific to a user
2 of the first client computer.

1 29. The program of claim 23, wherein the information resides on the first
2 client computer.

1 30. The program of claim 23, wherein the information resides remote from
2 first client computer.

1 31. The program of claim 23, wherein the portions of text in the
2 information are obtained using a code portion in the browser.

1 32. The program of claim 23, wherein the server directly accesses and
2 obtains the portions of text in the information.

1 33. The program of claim 23, further comprising logic for using the
2 portions of text in the information to complete a web page form.